THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) National Archives of India takes periodic measures to fumigate documents and undertake pest control measures to eradicate insect infestation in and around the premises. The roof leakage problem has been addressed and a detailed long-term conservation plan has been drawn up for implementation over the next five year period.

Grants for protection of Heritage sites

1033. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government supplement and release grants on the recommendations received from the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) for protection of heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details of the funds received from EFC supplemented by Government and released to the State Governments during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and heritage site-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that full grants have not been released to some of the States; and

(d) if so, the present status in this regard and the targeted date for settlement of the claims, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Promotion of Artifacts

1034. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of care, many classical, folk and tribal artifacts are dying out in the modern lifestyle; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to promote/save these artifacts?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Government has drawn up various schemes to take care of and promote the classical, folk and tribal artifacts.